

ASSUMPTION SCHOOL NEWS

SUMMER 2009



Thank you to those many important people who made this last school year so successful for our students. It was a memorable year for many reasons!



Registration for 2009-2010 School Year

Thank you to those who have already returned their registration for next year. Your promptness is appreciated as it helps us plan and order supplies for next year. There are a few families who have yet to register, please contact Mr. Hartman if you have questions regarding the process. Directions are on the school's webpage (www.assumptionschoolgranger.org) under the Registration link. Please type the information into the forms before printing.

Assumption School Library News

Our school library will be open every Tuesday morning from 9:00-11:30 starting June 16. You may check out and return books at this time. Enjoy games, activities, guest speakers, and projects. Stop in for a little while or stay for the entire morning. Please use the main school entrance when you come. We look forward to seeing you. If you have any questions feel free to contact Mrs. Susie Biley at 681-6428.

Teacher Professional Development

On June 3, 2009 our Assumption School teachers attended a day of professional development at St. Francis in West Des Moines. Cathy Stjernberg presented on "Love and Logic" which is a parenting and teaching style. Cathy, former school teacher and counselor, teaches this parenting style through West Des Moines Community Education classes. You can learn more by visiting the website www.loveandlogic.com where you can also sign up for a weekly "Insiders' Club" email tip.



Needs Assessment Information

More information will continue to be shared with parents as we move forward. Remember that as you read this information that 26 of our 50 families responded to the survey.

Approximately one-third of those that responded to the survey noted that they did not have enough information to make an opinion on whether "Gifted students are challenged." Not that our exceptional students haven't been challenged in the past but the past two years our teachers have been studying more about how to specifically meet the various needs of all our students. The early dismissal times have been focused on learning more about Differentiated Instruction (DI) and implementing it into our classrooms. This upcoming year we will again be working with DI by planning more varied lessons and activities. This effort should help us reach the gifted as well as those who struggle.

Of the respondents, only one person responded negatively toward the statement “Assumption School should offer an optional foreign language enrichment program.” I have talked with Mrs. Amparo Carney and Mrs. Georgina Sosa-Dominguez and both are excited about continuing this program next year. There will be some improvements in the program for the first through eighth graders, but we will continue to be able to offer this service to all of our students.

New Student Recruitment



Please help our school! If you know family, friends, neighbors, or others who are considering enrolling their children in Assumption School, pass on their information and urge them to call Mr. Hartman (999-2211 ext: 11) to schedule a tour of the school or for other information. More Assumption School brochures are available in the school office if you would like them for a conversation starter. Also, encourage them to view the Annual Report on our school website. We are always interested in talking with parents about next school year and all that we have to offer their children. **We are once again offering a recruiting incentive – for every student you help recruit, you will not have to pay the book/technology fee of \$150 at registration!**

Assumption School in Granger Offers Early Childhood Programs

Assumption School in Granger is taking names for their 3 year old Pre-School program and for our 4 year old Pre-Kindergarten program. Remember, our program was awarded a four-star rating this year through the Iowa Quality Rating System.

Both programs will meet five days per week. The programs will be led by a Certified Early Childhood Teacher under the guidelines set forth by the State of Iowa. Each program will be using a nationally recognized curriculum and assessment program called “Creative Curriculum” that will promote positive social and emotional interactions, early learning and language skills and physical development.

We were not awarded Universal Pre-Kindergarten Grant with Woodward-Granger Community Schools. We will still offer a high quality pre-school and pre-kindergarten education and can help with the cost using county funding through Empowerment.

Enrollment is capped at 16 for each program so contact the Assumption School office at (515) 999-2211 to get your child’s name on either list.

Other Important Dates:

June 24 – Beer and Brats with the Bishop at Assumption

June 27 - Granger Daze

July 11 - Assumption School/Family picnic at Jester Park (sponsored by the PTO)

August 3 - Assumption School Registration

SAVE THE DATE: BRAG 2009 is September 18, 2009